

# THE ALMA RECORD.

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## TO INCORPORATE A BUILDING CO.

Committee Appointed Last Week Gives Excellent Recommendation.

## STOCK IS SELLING FAST

Company Will Build and Sell Homes in City on the Easy Payment Plan.

The business men and citizens of Alma met at the city hall last Tuesday evening, as per adjournment for the purpose of hearing the report of a committee appointed at a like meeting last week, as to the advisability of organizing a stock company for the purpose of building and assist in building more houses in Alma. The committee through James A. Greene made a brief report more in the shape of a recommendation than a report. They recommended that an incorporated company of \$50,000 be organized under the name of The Alma Home & Improvement Co., and that the shares of stock be made \$10.00 each. The recommendations of the committee were accepted and adopted by a rising vote, which was unanimous. A stock subscription was started and before adjournment over \$5000 was subscribed. A committee consisting of D. L. Johnson, A. A. Chick, J. W. Blakley, W. H. Miner and Jotham Allen was appointed who immediately started business and every man in the city will be called on.

Our people are certainly alive to this new project, they realize that unless Alma has more houses the city must go back and if houses can be furnished our factories will enlarge and other factories who have an eye on Alma will locate here. We venture the assertion that if Alma can furnish the houses, that with the increase in the factories we already have and those in sight Alma can be a city of 10,000 in three years. Every tax payer in Alma should be interested. A larger city and a more prosperous city, means better prices for real estate, better rents and a live town to live in. No city can stand still, she must either forge ahead or go backward, now is the time for us to make hay, will you help? When the committee calls on you do not put them off, but do your share. It is hoped sufficient stock will be subscribed this week so the stock holders may meet the first of the week and organize and elect their officers and start business at once. Several business men from Mt. Pleasant who are planning the Fairview addition were present and a few very timely remarks were made by Postmaster Sanford, who assured the Alma people that their company were anxious to do their share toward building up Alma and were anxious to work with our people and assist in every way possible to supply the demand for houses. Alma people were convinced of their sincerity when four of the gentlemen subscribed liberally of stock in the enterprise.

## NOW USING COAL GAS

First Coal Gas and Coke Made at Plant Tuesday

The coal gas benches which have been in the course of construction for the past several months, were completed about four weeks ago. As it required thirty days for the heat the ovens before gas could be produced the retorts were not pronounced hot enough till last week. About one-thirty Monday afternoon, H. C. Moore in the presence of several prominent business men, threw the first shovel of coal into the oven which produced the first coal gas ever made in Alma. Wednesday morning A. G. Leitch, of the gas company, brought down town the first coke made in the city. The new product is working nicely, and much credit is due to Mr. Leitch, who personally superintended the construction of the benches.

Some trouble was experienced with gas for a few hours after the new installation but all is now in working order.

## DIES IN CHICAGO

Word was received the first of the week announcing the death of James T. Hall of Chicago. Mr. Hall was a former resident of this county, in 1808 he with G. S. Ward making up the firm of Pierce, Ward & Hall, built and conducted the first saw mill in Alma, being located where the Home Lumber & Fuel Co., buildings now stand. He with Mr. Ward platted the property in the north part of the city known as the Elwell property. He was an active business man, admired by all who knew him. His remains were buried at Watertown, N. Y., last Thursday.

## FOR DECORATION DAY

Alma Citizens Should Take a Deep Interest and Make it a Success

The time has come when the citizens of this commonwealth must take a deeper interest in Decoration Day, for the soldiers are getting few, and most of them who are with us are growing feeble and are unable to assume the responsibilities of having charge of such exercises. Alma ought not to be backward in getting under this cause and assist in paying the proper tribute to the memory of the boys in blue, who bared their breasts to the dangers of war in defense of their country in the sixties. This year it is hoped that the citizens will interest themselves in the proper observance of the day. It is hoped to have a patriotic parade as one feature of the day with a band, automobiles carrying the soldiers, W. R. C. ladies, and others, as well as a parade of school children. This can be made a pleasing feature if the citizens who have machines will co-operate. Let's show the soldiers that we do not propose to let the annual tribute to their memory be forgotten. Think about it, and help to make the day a fitting success.

## MASONIC RESIDENT EXPIRES

Peter Krogman an aged resident of the Masonic home, died at that place last week. The deceased was a native of Germany and was eighty-four years old.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### HIRE TEACHERS FOR YEAR

Close Contracts With Large Number of Present Instructors for Coming Term.

Following is the list the Board Education the corps of instructors was completed for the coming school year. A large number of the present teachers will remain. Prof. Killian resigned and has accepted the office of superintendent of the public schools at Fenton. Mr. Arthur Luchtmann will fill the vacancy.

Following is the list of the board have given contracts to for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—A. F. Schultz.  
Principal of High School—Arthur Luchtmann.  
English—Olive J. Smith.  
Natural Science—Ella M. Clark.  
Physical Science—Belle Martin.  
Latin—Eleanor Bittner.  
History—Alta Welch.  
Commercial—G. S. Crisp.  
English and Mathematics—L. E. Vander Zalm.  
Domestic Science and Art—Mae Hamilton.

Music and Drawing—Mae A. Jones.  
Manual Training—Francis Lake.

## INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Principal—Cora Dunlap.  
Grades 7 and 8—Margaret Winn.  
Laura Soule and Edna B. Brown.  
Grade 6—Bertha McLaren and Winifred Trapp.  
Grade 5—Frances Stitt, and Edythe Cockerton.  
Grade 4—Agnes Buckham.  
Primary Building  
Principal—Annette McLaren.  
Grade 3—Janet Strong.  
Grade 2—Addie Snyder.  
Grade 1—Margery Deal.  
Grade 1—Freda Darby.  
A subprimary—Gertrude Schouer.  
B. Subprimary—Maude Garrity.  
Kindergarten—Grace Kramer.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Elliott Observe Anniversary

President and Mrs. Crooke tendered a beautiful reception to Mrs. Crooke's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Elliott, who are making their home with them on West Superior street, last Wednesday afternoon, in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Among the out of town guests was Mrs. Paul Hickey of Washington, D. C., another daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elliott. At six o'clock a reception was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Elliott to the friends and college faculty.

## BURNT BY ACID

Many a Michigan mother has probably used this 68-year-old liniment on some member of the family. Maybe it did not happen to be some notable hard case like that of A. M. Millard of Cortland, N. Y., who was almost burnt to death by sulphuric acid, and who said this simple liniment "not only cured him, but removed the scars." Perhaps your mother used this same Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh just to cure a lame back, or to heal a wound, or a sore, or a burn, or to fix up any other external ailment.

## ENTERTAINS CLASS

Mrs. C. H. Washburn entertained the Philanthropic Bible class at her home Wednesday evening. A social hour was spent and all reported a very good time.

## HOME TALENT PLAY SUCCESS

"On The Old County Pike" Given at Opera House Friday Night.

## PLAY TO A CAPACITY HOUSE

All Characters Local People—Given Under Auspices of Ladies' Guild

A capacity house greeted the assembly of players to produce the famous play, "On The Old County Pike," at the opera house, last Friday night.

The cast, under the personal direction of Bruce Chesterman, the well known theatrical man, and writer of the play, had been rehearsing for the past several weeks. No amount of time, or expense were sacrificed to make the production the best home talent drama ever put before the people.

It was a pleasing production throughout. The plot was well laid and the cast did a creditable performance. A. G. Leitch played an excellent role as the leading man, Dr. Martin. Mrs. Joe McKenzie as Mary, the doctor's sister and Miss Ruth Bennett as Sue, the postmaster's daughter, both portrayed their respective parts true to life. The comedy parts were taken by Lyle McKenzie in the role of Hiram Higgins, the village postmaster, Joe McKenzie, as Jed Sweezy, the opera house manager, John Tuger, as Cy Butts, the town constable, Wm. Griffin as August, the hired man and Miss Nelda Dove, as Tillie, a Swedish hired girl. The clever make-up of these actors brought many smiles from the audience, and their parts were well played, portraying the country New England life in a realistic way.

Mrs. A. G. Leitch, as Jean, playing the double part of both boy and girl, acted one of the most difficult parts ever given an amateur player, and is deserving of special credit for the success of the play. The part of Dave, her circus lover, was well played by Paul Harrod.

The minor parts were all well played, featuring Ross Sullivan as Tony, a circus lad; Herbert Wheaton as Bill, and little Viola Baker as Jessie, a child; Donald Dunham, who played the part of Larry, a lame boy, did some clever acting for a youngster and was well received by the audience. The production was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of the St. John's Episcopal church. The house was packed and the ladies realized a neat sum from the production for the carrying on of their work.

## MET AT MT. PLEASANT

Number From Here Attend Meeting of Medical Society

The members of this society, now one of the best in the state, gathered in Mt. Pleasant on May 24th for one of their regular monthly meetings.

At one o'clock the members with their wives gathered at the beautiful home of Dr. S. E. Gardiner to the number of forty. At two o'clock they proceeded to the Hotel Bennett, where they sat down to a well designed, well cooked and well served banquet.

After the banquet the ladies were entertained at the May festival then in progress at the normal school. All of these entertainments were provided by the old Isabella-Clare society.

The doctors then went to the Elk's hall where the scientific part of their program was rendered. Papers were read by Drs. Bronsdetter and Pullen, both of Mt. Pleasant. Lively discussions followed the reading of both papers.

Alma was represented at this meeting by Drs. Carney, Gardiner, Suydam and Brainerd, and their wives.

Next month the members will attend the annual meeting of the American Medical association to be held in Detroit.

## TO BUILD GARAGE

William Borton to Erect Fine New Building on East Superior

Last week a deal was made whereby Wm. Borton of the Alma Garage company, becomes owner of the lot two doors east of his present location. The purchase was made of C. M. Johnson. Mr. Borton has let a contract to Henry Soule, a local contractor, for a building 50x130 feet, two stories high, to be erected of either brick or tile.

The new garage will be the most fully equipped in the city, and include a large paint shop. Ground will be broken, and construction started at once.

## AN EPIDEMIC POSSIBLE

Care Should be Taken to Prevent Spread of Scarlet Fever

It is seldom that a community is more keenly threatened with an epidemic from a most dreaded disease than Alma is today, with that of scarlet fever. The uncertainty of the situation lies in the fact that it is impossible to determine the source from which two different families obtained the disease, and became ill on the same day. An epidemic at just this season of the year, owing to the fact that the schools are approaching their final examinations, would inflict greater hardship that is usual, under such circumstances. There is only one way in which a threatened epidemic of this character can be averted, and that is by a full and hearty co-operation with the department of health, in the carrying out of the laws of the State Board of Health, with reference to quarantine, etc. There is not a citizen in Alma, who would intentionally wish to inflict upon any other citizen, a disease so dangerous as scarlet fever, or in fact, any of the contagious diseases. The rule of the department, which at the present time are laws, behind which the judicial machinery of the state stands ready to enforce, are simple, comprehensive, just and in fact, under the circumstances, easy to comply with, even for those on whom it falls heaviest.

The council of our city is confident that no citizen of Alma will hesitate to comply with the requests of our health officer in all ways that pertain to the checking of the spread of this present threatened epidemic. The department urges that all citizens watch carefully for the early symptoms of the disease, and at once report to the doctor. The usual early signs are: Chills, vomiting, headache, and sore throat, which is practically always present.

Dr. Burkhardt, secretary of the State Board of Health, in a letter to our health officer, dated May 20, 1916, makes the following statement: "Whenever you have proof that a physician, householder, or other person responsible has failed to report to you in compliance with the law, do not hesitate to swear out a warrant against him and bring him to justice. The rules of the department in case of scarlet fever, are as follows: First, the case must be reported. Second, conspicuous placard on the house. Third, quarantine for minimum of thirty-five days or longer, until cure is completed. Head of the family may be disinfectant, and released, children not ill, in the household may be disinfectant and quarantined elsewhere for ten days, and then allowed to go to school. Patient may enter school and other public assemblies, two weeks after release from quarantine. Fourth, complete disinfection of room and clothing, after death or recovery of patient. Milk from a dairy or farm where disease exists, cannot be sold."

The article was written by Mr. Felix Orman, one of the best feature writers employed on the staff of the magazine. Mr. Orman presented to the "Outlook" millions of readers, a vivid description of the tremendous growth of the small Motor Truck Company started only a few years back. His article proved to the world, that the people in the city of Alma were doing something out of the ordinary line of manufacturing. Many of the big city manufacturers upon hearing of the growth of our industry, have smiled incredulously, and said "impossible." "Only two railroads, could not give ample shipping and importing facilities." Never-the-less, the thousands of motor trucks being distributed over the country are beginning to speak for themselves. This being followed by the article of Mr. Orman who wrote from an entirely neutral viewpoint, places the city of Alma among the liveliest little towns in the country.

## SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

High School Auditorium, Friday Evening, June 2nd

A highly entertaining and interesting program is to be rendered by pupils of the high school, sixth and seventh grades, and kindergarten in the high school auditorium on the evening of June 2nd at 8:00 o'clock. The gymnastic drill, Russian wave dance, and Hungarian dance will be given by the high school girls under the direction of Miss Hamilton, the May-pole dance under the direction of Mrs. Stuckey, while Miss Bertha McLaren, Miss Trapp, and Miss Jones will direct the performance of the Cantata, "Greeting the Gypsy Queen."

A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged. It would be very gratifying to those in charge of the program to see a large attendance, inasmuch as the proceeds are to be devoted to a fund for the purchase of a phonograph for the schools.

The following program will be rendered:

Gymnastic Drill—Misses Huff, Hainline, Hartley, Selby, Ward, Priest, Stevens, Wells, Wilson, Wheaton, Veeder, Miller, Conley, Coleman, Osborne, Horton and Bowman.

May-pole Dance—Afternoon section of Kindergarten.

"Greeting Gypsy Queen." Cantata 6A and B—

Margaret McKinney, queen.

1. Chorus of Gypsies, "Forth From Hill and Dale."

2. Barabek dance, High School Girls.

3. Solo and Chorus, "Ah! See She Comes."

4. Solo, Gypsy queen, "My Thanks I Give to You."

5. Chorus and dance, "Gaily Trip We."

6. Solo, Gypsy queen, "In Our Happy Sylvan Home."

7. Final chorus, "Shades of Night Are Falling."

Russian Wave Dance—

Misses Selby, Ward, Ainsley, Kiehl, Rather, Snyder, Losey, Wyant, Lindsey, Schultz and McConkey.

Hungarian Dance—

Misses Grov, LaPaugh, Cramer, Kernen, Breece, Sweet, DuBois, Coleman, Struble, Banghart, Palmer and Sharrar.

## HIGH COMPLIMENT PAID TRUCK PLANT

The Outlook Magazine Gives Four Pages to Story of Growth of Plant.

## SENDS REPORTER TO ALMA

Marvelous Growth of Our Truck Industry is Watched All Over the U. S.

Some one at some time or other made the remark that "some people wouldn't be satisfied if they were living in the city of golden streets". Well, Alma isn't the city of the streets of gold, but most people in the city have started to sit up and take note of where our little old town is going. Several years ago "Alma" was a station on the Ann Arbor, and to be more definite the conductor would say "Pere Marquette Crossing". That was the extent of the town's publicity.

Today a curious crowd of South American natives, or the resident of some remote western village in our own country, will stop to admire a handsome new motor truck, brought to the place by some enterprising dealer, and upon a careful examination of the perfect working machine, will read the words "Made in Alma, Mich." Incidents like this have been placing the name of our bustling little city before the eyes of thousands of people the last few years.

But the publicity does not stop at this. Probably one of the highest courtesies ever shown a manufacturing plant, was given the Republic Motor Truck Company of this city a few weeks ago when the "Outlook", a national circulated magazine, sent a special reporter to this city for an interview with the president of the company, for the purpose of "writing up" the development of the truck industry for their publication.

The result appeared in the last issue of the "Outlook". It was an article, four full magazine pages in length, beautifully illustrated, and probably one of the most complete publicity notices ever given the corporation.

The article was written by Mr. Felix Orman, one of the best feature writers employed on the staff of the magazine. Mr. Orman presented to the "Outlook" millions of readers, a vivid description of the tremendous growth of the small Motor Truck Company started only a few years back. His article proved to the world, that the people in the city of Alma were doing something out of the ordinary line of manufacturing. Many of the big city manufacturers upon hearing of the growth of our industry, have smiled incredulously, and said "impossible." "Only two railroads, could not give ample shipping and importing facilities." Never-the-less, the thousands of motor trucks being distributed over the country are beginning to speak for themselves. This being followed by the article of Mr. Orman who wrote from an entirely neutral viewpoint, places the city of Alma among the liveliest little towns in the country.

And this publicity is not false. A stranger stopping in the city for a few hours cannot help being convinced. There is a hustle and a bustle around the streets that denotes "Business." In the evening the streets are lined by long blocks of boulevard lights which give the city a metropolitan appearance. While the Motor Truck Co. is the largest and dominating industry, the city is loyally supported by numerous smaller industries, among these being the largest produce plants of the Swift Company corporation. Their large duck farm is also located here. The Michigan Sugar Co. operate an enormous plant during their season; the Alma Roller Mills operate one of the largest flour milling plants in the state; Libby, McNeil & Libby selected this city for one of their largest pickle packing plants. All of these industries, to say nothing of the numerous smaller companies that want sites here, are helping to build Alma up to one of the liveliest and most rapidly growing cities in the states.

Not only in business is our city in the lead, but Alma is a good town to live in. Our school system is one of the finest in the country; the largest Presbyterian college in the state beautiful with their campus, a large track of property in the western part of the town, the city has numerous churches, a public park, miles of paved streets, no saloons, live wire newspapers, a hustling commercial mens organizations, a hospital, the Michigan Masonic Home and Infirmary and a feeling in the heart of every resident to "push." And as long as the same amount of energy is exerted towards advancing the interests of the town in the future as in the past, Alma will continue to grow. Nothing on earth makes a better town than to have everybody "BOOST."

Light refreshments will be served at each of the buildings.

## RECORD CLUBING RATES

Alma Record with the Detroit Free Press daily, the Farm Journal, Kimbals Dairy monthly for five years, The Household and To-days Magazine one year for \$3.50.

The Record, the Detroit Journal daily and the Michigan Farmer one year for \$3.70.

## COMMUNITY CLUB

Interest and Attendance is Rapidly Increasing in New York

The Community Club which had its beginning in the mothers' and Daughters' banquet, is rapidly growing both in numbers and enthusiasm. Beginning with almost seventy present at the first meeting this number has steadily increased.

The classes under their efficient instructors are doing efficient work and a spirit of good fellowship and helpfulness prevails. Anyone interested in these classes is most welcome at any time of the meetings. These meetings are held at the high school building every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Further information can be had if desired by calling on any of the following officers. President, Miss Rose Messinger; vice presidents, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Cyrus Gardner, Miss Cora Dunlap, Miss Mary Dickerson; secretary, Miss Grace Haner.

## HIGH SCHOOL BALL

The local high school team went to Saginaw last Saturday and were given a whalloping by the Arthur Hill boys of that city by a score of 7 to 0. At the Wednesday afternoon game with St. Louis the local boys defeated the sister city team by a close margin of 9 to 8.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBIT

### THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

All Three Schools will Display Work of Pupils for the Past Year.

The faculty and directors of the public schools again extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the annual school exhibit to be held at each of the three school buildings, Friday afternoon, May 26th. At the high school the gymnasium will be used for the display of the students' work, at the grades schools each room will have its individual exhibit.

The past exhibits have always been well appreciated by the public. The work of the last year will show considerable advancement and should interest every person who is interested in the welfare of the public schools.

It also gives the parents an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the instructors and get a better insight into the modern methods of education used by the schools of the city. Last year about 1000 persons viewed the exhibit, and the interest manifested points toward a larger attendance this year. All people interested in the welfare of the city are urged to attend.

Light refreshments will be served at each of the buildings.

## CHORAL SOCIETY GIVES "MARTHA"

Director Veatch Stages Excellent Musical Production at Opera House.

## ONLY FAIR CROWD ATTENDS

Director and Miss Markham Deserving of Special Mention—All Well Accepted.

The Fourth Annual May Festival concert given by the Alma College Choral union under the direction of Prof. Reese Farrington Veatch, at the opera house, Tuesday night, was one of the most successful ever staged by the society.

"Martha," Von Flotow's tuneful grand opera in four acts, was presented to a fair sized audience. However, considering the excellent production, and the really good acting and singing, it must have been disappointing not to have the pleasure of playing to a capacity after the hard work connected with the putting on of such a production.

Prof. Veatch again showed his ability as director. The staging was under the able direction of Miss Camelia Waite, and Miss Grace Roberts, pianist, assisted by an orchestra of five pieces, played instrumental score to perfection.

Rosalie Netzorg, who sang the principal role of Lady Harriet (Martha), possessed a fine high soprano voice, well adapted to the character she represented.

Miss Pauline Markham scored a decided success as Nancy, her acting being realistic and her rich contralto voice at all times blending well in the duet or quartet parts of the principals.

G. Vernon Wright and Oscar Anderson, were well received by the audience in the roles of Lionel and Plunkett, Mr. Wright singing the tenor of Lionel and Mr. Anderson the bass of Plunkett.

Chester R. Robinson did a very creditable performance of the part of Sir Tristram Mickleford. Mr. Robinson possesses an excellent voice and sang his score in true opera manner.

Carl Street in the unique character of the sheriff, sang a short but difficult score.

The blending voices in the chorus work were excellent and as a whole the production was very pleasing.

Mrs. F. A. Gill will visit friends at Perry, over Sunday.

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Monday, May 30, 1916

### Morning

Decorating of Graves by Boy Scouts at 10:00 a. m.

### Afternoon at Opera House

Song Wright Quartet  
Invocation Rev. Wm. H. Mason  
"Playing Soldier," "Our Flag" 3d B Grade  
Reading of Orders E. R. Griffith, Adjutant of Post  
Song—"New Hail Columbia" 8th Grade Chorus  
"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" 6th Grade  
"Memorial Day" 6th Grade Division A  
Introduction of Speaker Charles H. Goggin  
Address, Honorable Wm. Smith of St. Johns, Orator of the Day.  
"The Old Guard" High School Quartet  
Benediction Rev. J. W. Priest

### Line of March

Starting from the Corner of State and Superior street, thence to Riverside Cemetery.

### Order of March

Mayor and Officials of City  
Fraternal Societies Alma Fire Department  
Alma Band G. A. R. Post  
W. R. C. Corps Pupils of Schools  
Citizens in Carriages

### Exercises at Cemetery

Ritualistic Exercises Wm. Moyer Post  
The W. R. C. will render a short program at the river, and will scatter flowers on the water, in commemoration of Nation's sailor dead.

### Officers of the Day

E. N. CHADWICK, Com. E. R. GRIFFITH, Adjt.  
J. D. HELMAN, Marshal of the Day.